(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of backward class students benefited under the scheme in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the other measures being taken by Government to raise educational standard of OBCs in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the scheme, loan is provided to the students of Backward Classes living below double the poverty line to meet the expenditure on admission fee, tuition fee, examination fee and expenses on books, stationery and other instruments required and boarding & lodging etc. for pursuing general/professional/technical courses or training at graduate and/or higher level. Maximum loan limit per student is Rs. 75000/- per annum subject to maximum of Rs. 3.00 lakhs for the entire course or actual expenses whichever is less.

(c) The Scheme is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh through Andhra Pradesh Backward Classes Cooperative Finance Corporation Ltd. (APBCCFC) with effect from the year 2001-2002. 1193 students have been benefited under the scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the year.

(d) Besides above, the Government of India has been implementing the schemes of Pre-matric Scholarships to OBCs, Post-matric Scholarships to OBCs, Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls and Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs since 1998-99 to raise educational standard of OBCs in the country.

Expenditure on Social Sector

4179. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the social sector expenditure has declined/increased in the 1990s;

(b) if so, the changes in the composition of social sector expenditure;

(c) whether the external aid for the social sector increased;

(d) if so, the percentage thereof; and

(e) the programmes which were launched during the last five years and how these programmes have contributed towards overall development

especially of weaker sections of the society and the goals these intend to achieve?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (e) During the 1990s the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment took several initiatives for the welfare of scheduled castes, other backward classes, minorities, disabled persons, children in need of care and protection and the elderly. As such, the expenditure showed a rising trend during the decade as it clear from the enclosed statement (*See* below). The Ministry also sought external aid under UNDP project for support to children with disabilities in the project areas of Karnataka and UP from 2000-01. It is a three-year programme involving an outlay of Rs. 4.32 crore. A list of schemes launched in the last five years is given in the statement-II. These schemes have benefited the targeted groups to a great extent.

Statement-I

Year-wise Expenditure for Plan Schemes from 1990-91 to 1999-2000

(Rs. in Crores)

S.No.	Year	Expenditure
1.	1990-91	574.28
2.	1991-92	749.59
3.	1992-93	822.59
4.	1993-94	987.00
5.	1994-95	1152.35
6.	1995-96	1260.80
7.	1996-97	1293.20
8.	1997-98	1204.28
9.	1998-99	1512.11
10.	1999-2000	1773.03

Note: 1. The expenditure figure from 1990-91 to 1999-2000 includes expenditure related to the schemes of Tribal Affairs. These schemes were transferred from this Ministry to the newly created Ministry of Tribal Affairs in Oct., 1999.

Statement-II

List of Schemes Launched During Last Five Years

Scheduled Castes development

1. Pre-Matric Scholarship for children of those engaged in unclean occupations.

Other Backward Classes

2. Post-Matric Scholarship for OBCs including higher scholarship for Ph.D. and higher level.

3. Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs.

4. Hostels for OBC boys and girls student.

5. Grant-in-Aid to NGOs for OBCs.

6. Pre-examination Coaching for OBCs.

Disability Division

7. National Trust for Persons with Cerebral Palsy, Autism and Mental Tetardation.

8. National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation.

9. Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

10. National Programme for Rehabilitation of Disabled.

11. Scheme arising out of the implementation of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal opportunities, Protection of Full Participation) Act, 1995.

Demand of Dalit Conference for Reservation in Private Sector

4180. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that process of privatization has affected dismantling the space for reservation of jobs for the SCs/STs;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Dalit Conference held recently at Bhopal demanded reservation quota for SCs/STs in private sector too; and

(c) if so, response of Government thereto?